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## Real Estate

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The Real Estate Men

Houses to Rent. Money to Loan.

ROOMS 10 and 12 MASONIC TEMPLE.

### Grants Pass Banking & Trust Co.

PAID UP CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.00.

Transacts a general banking business. Receives deposits subject to check or on demand certificates. Our customers are assured of courteous treatment and every consideration consistent with sound banking principles. Safety deposit boxes for rent.

J. FRANK WATSON, Pres.  
R. A. BOOTH, Vice-Pres.  
L. L. JEWELL, Cashier.

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J. C. CAMPBELL, Vice-Pres.  
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## Bert Barnes,

Reliable Watchmaker

At Clemens' Grants Pass, Ore.

**Exposure**  
To cold draughts of air, to keen and cutting winds, sudden changes of temperature, scanty clothing, undue exposure of the throat and neck after public speaking and singing, bring on coughs and colds. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best cure.  
Mrs. A. Herr, Houston, Texas, writes, Jan. 31, 1902: "One bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup cured me of a very bad cough. It is very pleasant to take." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by Rotermund and The Model Drug Store.

**A Good Suggestion.**  
Mr. C. B. Wainwright of Lemon City, Fla., has written the manufacturers that much better results are obtained from the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in cases of pains in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus by taking it in water as hot as can be drunk. That when taken in this way the effect is double in rapidity. "It seems to get at the right spot instantly," he says. For sale by all druggists.

### THE MT. BALDY DISTRICT

A Promising District Close to Grants Pass.

A recent visit to the Mt. Baldy mining district situated four miles southeast of Grants Pass, was amply repaid by the discovery, as it were, of some of the best prospects not to say mines in Southern Oregon. If this camp were located in some arid desert almost uninhabited as are the lately discovered mining camps of Tonahap and Gold Fields in Nevada, there would be a rush of Argonauts into the district in search of the Golden Fleece that would speedily fill it with a seething population and make Grants Pass a thriving commercial center with a population of 10,000 people. But we are continually reminded of the old adage that distance lends enchantment and that mankind is disposed to seek after the precious things of this world in strange and almost inaccessible places rather than pick up the shining dublets beneath its feet.

The Mt. Baldy district known more familiarly to the early pioneers of Southern Oregon as the "Jewett mine" (because of the somewhat celebrated mine bearing that euphonious cognomen being named after its discoverer and first exploiter) was discovered in the early 50's when the savage and warlike Rogue River Indian was abroad in the land with tomahawks and scalping knife in hand seeking to relieve the paleface miner of his surplus hair.

One half the story of the dangers, hardships and privations through which these early pioneers passed in conquering the wilderness will never be told. The average traveler of today comfortably encoined in a palace car passing up the valley of the Rogue on the swift winged arrows of steam cannot realize how much the world is indebted for the comfort it now enjoys to the pioneer who took his wife and household gods and struck boldly out into the wilderness and conquered it from savagery.

Green creek, Hamlin gulch and Jewell creek, which all have their source in Mount Baldy and Grouse mountain were successfully worked for placer gold by pick, pan and shovel and rocker and other primitive methods used in the pioneer days of mining in Southern Oregon. It is said to have been very rich, yielding large sums of the precious yellow metal. It was natural for the miners to reason that this gold came down by gravitation from higher elevations on the rugged mountains which frowned above them; and they began a systematic search for its source, by, to use a familiar expression among that useful class of miners peculiar to Southern Oregon called "pocket hunters," "pot holing" the sides of the mountains and panning out the dirt to detect any particles of gold which may have come down from ledges above and they were soon rewarded by the discovery of the Jewett, Constock, Grouse mountain and other valuable claims. These mines

will in the near future, the writer is inclined to think, make Grants Pass noted for its smelters and reduction works. I hope the skeptical and pessimistic knockers who infest the streets of Grants Pass, will not all laugh at once at this seemingly untoward prediction of an optimistic and firm believer in the future greatness of Southern Oregon. But seeing is believing and the most skeptical can be convinced by a personal examination of the mines and prospects in this promising district.

H. C. Perkins.

### RULES FOR HOMESTEADERS

Commissioner Richards Issues Useful Pamphlet.

W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office, has prepared a circular letter of instructions, a copy of which will be sent in the future to every person who makes a homestead entry of public land. The letter is intended to acquaint every entryman with the terms and provisions of the homestead law, and the requirements for obtaining land under its provisions so that, in the future, ignorance of the law will not palliate any failure to comply with it.

Sixty-nine thousand homestead entries were made last year and this year they are averaging 4000 a month. On the back of the circular letter is printed information concerning the homestead law, the requirements of the general land office and suggestions to the entryman, which, if fully followed, would enable him to fully comply with the law in letter and spirit.

The circular letter is as follows: "The papers supporting your recent homestead entry have been received, examined and filed in this office. In order that you may be fully informed as to your duties under this entry, as well as of the cause which may result in its cancellation, you should carefully read, study and remember the suggestions printed on the back of this letter, because any failure on your part to cure any existing defect in the entry or any failure to fully and in good faith comply with the laws requiring residence, improvements, cultivation and proof will be

sure to result in the cancellation of the entry and the loss of your improvements.

"Entrymen should constantly bear in mind that any sale or contract or agreement to sell any of the lands embraced in their entries, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, prior to making final proof will cause the entry to be cancelled, and may even result in the cancellation of the patent should such patent be inadvertently issued.

"It should also be constantly remembered that any false statement made in either the affidavits or final proof, made in support of any entry, will not only cause its cancellation, but may result in criminal indictment and prosecution.

"If at any time you desire any further information than is given in these suggestions, for the purpose of enabling you to comply with the law, or to make proof, you can obtain the same by inquiring, in writing or otherwise, either at this office or of the register and receiver."

### FEES SHOW PROSPERITY

County Clerk's Office Making a Good Showing.

The fees received at the county clerk's office is a good indication of the business prosperity of the county. That Josephine county is progressing is proven by the steady increase in the fees of the county clerk's office. Last year the monthly receipts amounted to about \$250 to \$275. With the opening of this year it ran up to \$300 per month and for April it reached \$336.50. County Clerk F. S. Cheshire thinks this will be the high-water mark for some months to come of the receipts for his office as the new fee law, enacted by the last legislature, goes into effect this month. Heretofore the recording fee has been 25 cents per folio of 100 words, but under the new rate it will be but 20 cents a folio. But as the filing of mining claims, and of other legal documents and recording of deeds, the issuing of marriage licenses, etc., is steadily increasing County Clerk Cheshire states that the fees of his office will soon be on the gain again, and that by another year the receipts will be fully \$400 per month.

## SPECIAL REDUCTIONS

NOTE TERMS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS AD.

### STORE NEWS

New Round Extension Tables  
Very reasonable prices.

New prices on Iron Beds

New Kitchen Cabinets

Hammocks—reduced

Tents—reduced

### CARPET SALE STILL GOES ON

A few Remnants left; bring the measure of your room and buy a Carpet for it at one-third off.

Go-Carts—reduced

**N. B.** Bring this ad with you; on any of the above named reduced goods its worth from 10 to 20 per cent to you.

## Thomas & O'Neill

The Housefurnishers

### A BUMPER GRAIN CROP

Prospects for Fruit and Grain in Josephine County Excellent.

Commissioner C. F. Lovelace, was in Grants Pass Monday and Tuesday attending a session of county court, from his farm near Wilderville. Mr. Lovelace stated that not in his experience in farming in Josephine has he seen the grain look so well as it does this spring. What is now three and four feet high and is heading out and harvest will be fully two weeks earlier this year than usual. Oats, barley and other grain look generally well and will be ripe earlier than usual. As to the acre and yield of wheat Mr. Lovelace stated that the

acreage was much larger this year than ever before sown in this county and that the yield would be the record breaker for Josephine county. Alfalfa is not so unusually promising but looks well and the yield will be fully up to the average, while the acreage is much larger, for the farmers are generally increasing their hay land. The fruit prospects Mr. Lovelace stated were equally as encouraging as is the grain as he had observed while traveling over the county in looking after bridge and road matters. Though the early spring has put fruit much more forward than usual yet so far it has not been injured by frosts. The area to fruit has been largely increased in the last five years and many farmers will still further enlarge their orchards while many new ones are being planted. Mr. Lovelace thinks the time is not distant when fruit raising will be one of the leading and most profitable industries of Josephine county.

## THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!



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On account of ill health I have decided to close out my entire stock of

**BICYCLES, TALKING MACHINES, FISHING TACKLE, WATCHES, KNIVES, RAZORS, STROPS and BRUSHES, SHEARS and SCISSORS, FOOTBALL and BASEBALL GOODS.**



**OIL**—We have a large stock of Big 4, 3-in-1, Cole's Many Use, Ed, Columbia, Gun Oil, Sewing Machine and Typewriter Oil. We will oil you up cheap. Our goods are fresh new stock. We have several shipments yet unpacked. Come and get your choice of these goods at a BARGAIN.

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## Just Arrived

A full new line of Men's and Boys' Golf and Neglige Shirts in the latest creations in Pongee and Japanese Crepes, also several new lines of Balgriggan Underwear. If you wish to get something new and up-to-date, now is the time to make your selection while our stock is complete. Our prices are right and our goods are right. Give us a trial and be convinced.

Remember the place.

## The Hub Clothing Store

S. Garfinkle, Proprietor

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